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**Applicant:** Thompson et al.**Serial No.:** 09/909,110**Filing Date:** July 18, 2001**Title:** Catheter Having Improved  
Torque Transmission Capability and

Method of Making the Same

**Group Art Unit:** 3739**Examiner:** Kearney-Rollins**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding office action for the above-identified application. Our check for \$110 for the fee is enclosed. We authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees to our deposit account No. 50-0638.

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Respectfully submitted,

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